THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The company-wise number of Jubilee Retail Outlets (JROs) developed in the country is given below:—

Name of the Company	Number od JROs
Indian Oil Corp. Ltd.	82
Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd.	39
Hindustan Petroleum Corp. Ltd	46
IBP Co. Limited	56

(b) to (d) The Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., (BPCL) has developed 5 JROs in Punjab. Though another JRO was proposed to be set up at Burj (Abohar) in Ferozepur District, it could not be set up as the scheme for setting up JROs was discontinued in November, 2000.

A plot of land for setting up the JRO at Burj (Abohar) was identified in June, 2000. The attorney representing the landlords was contacted by the BPCL which did not ask the landlords to make any change in the land structure. The BPCL applied for the NOC for this plot of land. Since the scheme for setting up JROs was discontinued before all the formalities could be completed, the proposal for setting up this JRO was dropped.-

Protection of Jorhat District of Assam from Brahmaputra River

1081. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken by Government to protect the North-Eastern Part of Jorhat District from the Brahmaputra;

(b) how much fund had been released for the purpose and how was it utilised;

(c) what is the new proposal about funding; and

(d) whether Government would undertaken the work directly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) To protect North Eastern part of Jorhat district from flood and erosion

of river Brahmaputra, the State Govt, of Assam has undertaken 7 nos. flood management schemes on south bank of river Brahmaputra and for protection of Majuli island a total estimated cost of Rs. 44.66 crore.

The Brahmaputra Board under this Ministry has prepared Master Plan of Majuli island in which different long term measures for protection of Majuli island from flood and erosion of Brahmaputra have been identified. Based on the Master Plan, a detailed project report for protection of Majuli island from erosion of river Brahmaputra has been prepared by Brahmaputra Board at an estimated cost of Rs. 243.64 crore.

(b) Flood Management being a State subject, flood control projects are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments themselves out of their own resources and as per their own priorities. The assistance as being rendered by the Central Government are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature. The Central Government has been extending Central Loan, Assistance to the State Govt, of Assam since 1972—74 onwards. An amount of Rs. 390.94 crore as loan and Rs. 10.09 crore as Grant-in-aid have been released to the State Govt, of Assam upto March, 2000. An amount of Rs. 1.31 crore has been released by the State Govt, of Assam during 2000-2001 by undertaking the about mentioned six nos. short term flood management schemes in the North-Eastern part of Jorhat district.

(c) A Centrally Sponsored for funding the flood control schemes in Brahmaputra and Barak basis with 90% Central share as grant and 10% State share is presently under the consideration of the Full Planning Commission. The Planning Commission also releases the funds to the North-Eastern States for various schemes under Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources.

(d) No, Sir.